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_9MOTHER9HORSE9EYES9, sometimes abbreviated to **9M9H9E9** or **MHE** (fl. 21 April 2016 – 29 February 2024), is the screen name of an anonymous writer of creepypasta[1] speculative fiction on Reddit.

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Occupation	Writer
Years active	2016–2024
Known for	Reddit creepypastas

Work [edit]

From 22 April to 17 July 2016, the writer posted a science fiction horror story in short installments to apparently random Reddit discussion threads.[1] The story was posted in segments as replies to comments in the discussion threads.[2] The story, sometimes referred to by others as the *Interface series*, touches on such topics as "Vietnam, Elizabeth Bathory, the Treblinka concentration camp, humpback whales, the Manson Family and LSD", and particularly involves entities called "flesh interfaces".[1]

The story attracted media notice the day after its first parts were published.[3] *The Guardian*, reporting on the story, described it as "compelling" and "gradually more beautifully and boldly written from multiple narrative perspectives".[1] *Vice* mentioned the possibility of the whole thing being part of a viral marketing campaign for something yet unknown.[4] The book *Immersion and Participation in Punchdrunk's Theatrical Worlds* praised the usage of Reddit as a means of horror and noted how within a week of the first post readers had already set up a wiki to document the story.[5] An impromptu fandom collects information about the story in a subreddit and wiki.[4][2]

Identity [edit]

In a later deleted post, the writer described himself as a "30-something American male", and indicated a history of substance abuse.[4] However, this post also incorporated fictional elements of the story. A BBC article also reported that the author said he is "male, in his thirties, lives in the United States, works as a freelance translator, and was once a heavy user of LSD."[6] The author told *Gizmodo* that "I live in a home for men and work a little to make ends meet."[7] Both *Vice* and *Gizmodo* have speculated that the writer of the story was Reddit user Anatta-Phi, a prolific conspiracy theorist and moderator of ShrugLifeSyndicate,[8] a subreddit of similar themes including psychedelics, psychosis and synchronicity.[4][7]

See also [edit]

- r/nosleep – Subreddit
- Mandela Effect

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